

Georgia's Community Health Centers

An Economic Opportunity for Georgia Families and Communities

In addition to providing affordable, high-quality health care, in 2020

Georgia's Community Health Centers:

- Contributed \$479 million to the Georgia economy, resulting in \$335 million in additional income to households, and 3,799 jobs.
- Added almost \$545 million to the state's economy through indirect and induced economic activity, as well as about \$185 million in household income and an additional 3,461 jobs in Georgia.
- Brought over \$2.00 in economic activity for every dollar spent. For every 10 health center jobs, 5 additional jobs were created.

Economic Activity in Georgia Stimulated by Health Centers in 2020

Most Georgia's Health Centers' total operating expenses went to local payrolls and the purchase of local goods and services.

	Total Jobs Created	Added Household Income	Total Output
Direct	3,799	\$335,364,204	\$479,091,720
Indirect	1,361	\$79,687,896	\$214,781,248
Induced	2,100	\$104,717,124	\$329,978,528
Total	7,260	\$519,769,224	\$1,023,851,496

Top 5 Georgia Industries Impacted by Health Centers in 2020

Health Centers purchase a wide variety of goods and services from other Georgia businesses, adding jobs, income and profits to hundreds of Georgia's industries.

Industry Impacted	Jobs Created	Labor Income	Value Added	Output
Offices of physicians	3880	\$341,918,548	\$311,819,613	\$489,913,896
Employment services	226	\$7,427,014	\$11,844,480	\$18,807,039
Other real estate	218	\$3,400,232	\$15,048,141	\$40,443,838
Full-service restaurants	176	\$3,952,758	\$5,799,504	\$10,552,410
Limited-service restaurants	147	\$2,860,078	\$5,007,623	\$11,726,580

State and Local Tax Contribution of Georgia Health Centers in 2020

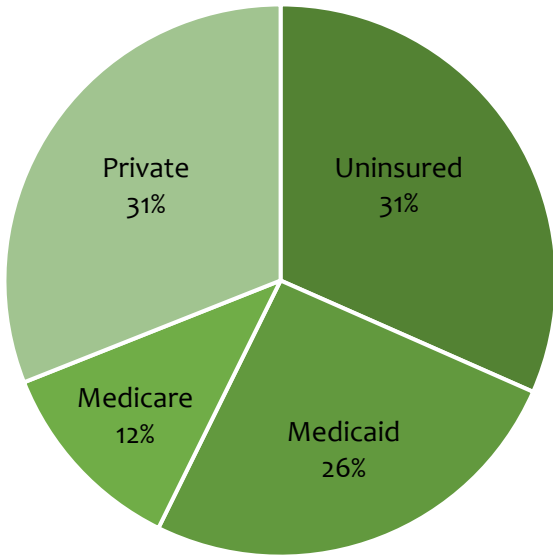
Through sales, income, corporate and other taxes, Health Centers brought over \$34.5 million to state and local treasuries in 2020.

Income Tax	Indirect Business Tax	Household Tax	Corporate
\$11,717,657	\$10,993,884	\$11,247,943	\$616,185

Georgia Health Centers

Health centers serve as medical homes for thousands of residents throughout Georgia

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In 2020, Georgia health centers served

More than 624,000 patients

About 1 in 17 Georgians

About 158,000 Medicaid recipients

1 in 12 Georgia Medicaid recipients

More than 194,000 uninsured patients

1 in 7 uninsured Georgians

Health Centers in Georgia

High-Quality Health Care that Saves Money

Health centers save their patients and the health care system money. In 2020, Georgia health centers “regular” patients were comprised of:

163,251

Uninsured
Patients

Their medical costs
were reduced by
more than \$172
million

132,665

Medicaid
recipients

Saving Medicaid
more than \$151
million

160,167

Privately
insured
individuals

Saving more than
\$350 million

Local ED savings using Health Centers

Regular users of health centers are far less likely to go to an ED for an avoidable event. Health centers in Georgia saved emergency departments (ED) more than \$33.3 million in 2020.

Estimated number of “Regular” Patients	524,810
Non-health center patient’s chance of an avoidable ED visit	38%
Health center patient’s annual chance of an avoidable ED visit	26%
Average cost of an ED visit	\$1,096
ED savings from health center regular patients	\$33,361,132

Georgia Hospital Savings Due to Health Centers

Research has demonstrated that regular users of health centers have lower rates of ED usage and lower odds of potentially avoidable hospitalizations and can help ease the burden on Georgia’s stressed hospitals.

Estimated number of “Regular” Patients	524,810
Non-health center patient’s chance of an avoidable hospital visit	8%
Health center patient’s annual chance of an avoidable hospital visit	5%
Average Cost per hospital visit	\$15,236
Hospital savings from health center regular patients	\$99,950,095

The Cost for Georgia Diabetics Who Use Health Centers Compared to Other Providers

Diabetics treated at health centers cost less both at the doctor and at the hospital. For Georgia health center “regular” patients, this means almost \$151 million in savings per year.

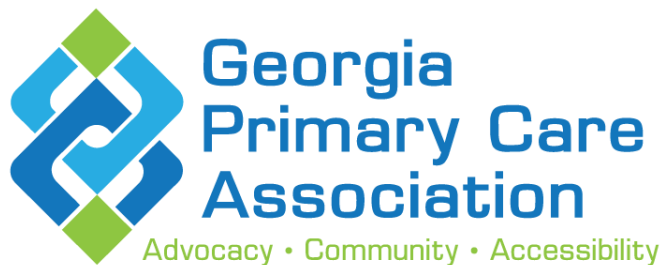
	Other Primary Care Providers	Health Centers as Medical Homes	Savings
Payments for Primary Care	\$2,309	\$1,474	\$51,742,061
Payments for Hospitals	\$4,125	\$2,190	\$98,975,477

Georgia's Health and Wealth Depends on Health Centers

Our mission is to improve access to comprehensive primary health care services for all medically underserved Georgians and to support the continued development and expansion of community-based health center practice systems throughout the state.

The Georgia Primary Care Association (GPCA) was founded as a not-for-profit Georgia corporation in 1979 through the cooperative efforts of a broad coalition of primary health care advocates in our state. Our mission is to improve access to comprehensive primary health care services for all medically underserved Georgians and to support the continued development and expansion of community-based health center practice systems throughout the state.

**INVESTING IN GEORGIA'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS:
INVESTS IN LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED GEORGIA BUSINESSES
INVESTS IN ATTRACTING NEW BUSINESSES AND INVESTMENTS INTO GEORGIA COMMUNITIES
INVESTS IN HIGH-PAYING, SKILLED JOBS, WITH TRAINING AND GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES
INVESTS IN THE STATE AND LOCAL TAX BASE
PUTS MONEY IN THE POCKETS OF GEORGIA HOUSEHOLDS
PUTS PEOPLE TO WORK IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF GEORGIA COMMUNITIES**



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Notes and Methods:

Multipliers are derived by dividing the total output by the direct impact, for example a \$100 investment yields \$190 in economic activity, or \$1.90 for every dollar spent.

Estimates of indirect and induced economic impacts were generated using IMPLAN ONLINE with Georgia-specific state multipliers.

Indirect impact is a measure of money spent on other state industries as a result of an investment.

Induced impact is a measure of household income from other state industries as a result of an investment.

2020 US Census American Community Survey population estimate for Georgia, 2020 Uniform Data Set (UDS) report for Georgia's health centers.

Regular users are estimated at 84% of total users, www.nachc.com

Data resources available at www.georgiapca.org

Kaiser Family Foundation www.kff.org